

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT
February 21, 2001

ITEM: 9

SUBJECT: **Tentative Order No. 2001-01, Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Urban Runoff from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Draining the Watershed of the County of San Diego, the Incorporated Cities of San Diego County and the San Diego Unified Port District (NPDES Permit No. CAS0108758) (Phil Hammer)**

PURPOSE: To discuss and consider adoption of tentative Order No. 2001-01. The Public Hearing on the tentative order was conducted on December 13, 2000. The Regional Board previously closed the written comment period for tentative Order No. 2001-01 on November 30, 2000 and closed the public testimony (oral comment period) on December 13, 2000.

DISCUSSION: Based on written comments received by November 30, 2000, oral comments received at the public hearing on December 13, 2000, and several workshops that were held for tentative Order No. 2001-01, staff received a total of approximately 1500 comments from almost 100 different organizations and individuals. Staff has been reviewing, considering, and responding to these various comments. Of all the comments received, staff identified roughly 50 broad categories that comments could be placed into, such as legal issues, construction, dry weather monitoring, cost, and education. Staff also noted that roughly 60% of the comments received were not unique; these comments were then grouped with other similar comments in order to expedite staff's responses.

Responses to Comments

The Regional Board appreciates the efforts of all those who contributed a substantial amount of time and effort to provide comments on tentative Order No. 2001-01. Draft responses to all comments are included in the attached "Draft Responses to Comments" document. To the extent that a revision to the permit language is proposed as a result of a particular comment, that fact is noted in the response to that comment.

Permit Revisions

Staff is in the process of revising the permit based on many of the comments received. The revised permit, will be available to the Regional Board and to the public as soon as possible during the week of February 12, 2001.

Background

Refer to the enclosed EOSR and supplemental EOSR dated December 13, 2000 for additional background information on this item.

LEGAL CONCERNS:None.

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS:

- 1) Draft "Responses to Comments" document
- 2) Executive Officer Summary Report for tentative Order No. 2001-01 dated December 13, 2000.
- 3) Supplemental Executive Officer Summary Report for tentative Order No. 2001-01 dated December 13, 2000.

RECOMMENDATION (S): Adopt tentative Order No. 2001-01.